



March 13, 1998

Ms. Linda Wilson
Manager Publishing Division
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: In re Application of: STEPHEN P.A. FODOR et al
Application Serial No. 08/670,118
Filed: June 25, 1996
For: A METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)
Batch No. A75

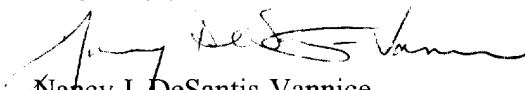
Dear Ms. Wilson:

This letter is a request to expedite issuance of the above-captioned application. The ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL in duplicate and an Associate Power of Attorney are enclosed. Please note that the ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL indicates the GROUP ART UNIT is 1634. The Notice of Allowability by contrast identifies the GROUP ART UNIT as 1807. We hope this difference in the designation of the GROUP ART UNIT does not impede a speedy issuance.

In addition, the Notice of Allowability, mailed on February 19, 1998, states that formal drawings are required. Applicants' representative, Paul N. Kokulis, submitted a complete set of formal drawings on November 20, 1997. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the enclosed ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL is all that is required. For your convenience, enclosed are copies of the formal drawings with accompanying filing papers and the date-stamped receipt showing that the mail room received the same on November 20, 1997. A copy of the Notice of Allowability is also enclosed.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures: As noted.

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